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We Would Be Building

Archie H. Hook

Minister and Superintendent

One of the most gratifying experiences anyone can have is to design or construct a beautiful building. Few people ever have the personal satisfaction of such an accomplishment and of those who do, a very small percentage have ever participated personally in the erection of a house dedicated to God—Church—educational building—parsonage. We of the Congregational Christian Churches are now engaged in such an enterprise and it is a building project in which every Conference, every Church and every member is urged to have a share.

The need for new churches and for the expansion and improvement of present churches is beyond our comprehension. The $4,500,000 Church Building Loan Fund which we as a fellowship have undertaken to raise will not give all the help that is needed but it will go a long way. And should we do less, we would share in a guilt of omission from which we could not lift our heads. Our Conference share of this fund is $144,000 and we propose to reach or surpass this goal within the next two years, 1953-1954.

We voted unanimous approval of this project in our Annual Conference last May.—In October each of our six Associations unanimously approved and voted to cooperate in the program.—Nearly all of the churches in the Conference had some representation at one of the recent ten Area Meetings.—Several churches have arranged for or have already had a presentation to the congregation of this Church Building Loan Fund program.—Several churches have taken official action accepting their share.—Some churches have signed and sent in their official Declaration of Purpose.

Every church has received a packet of splendid educational material and is urged to order enough for all its members. Audio-visual helps and good books are available free. Speakers are waiting to be invited but each church must make its own plans.

There is no question about the fact that "THE TIME TO BUILD CHURCHES IS NOW." There is no question about the need for additional loan money to help build and rebuild and expand churches. There is no question about our people having the money needed to reach the proposed goals. The question is WILL WE? Every church and every member will share in the answer to this question. What is your answer?

News of the Churches

BLAINE . . .

The church welcomes a newly organized younger women's group, known as the Congregational Mother's Guild. The group has been meeting during the fall months on the alternate Tuesday afternoons at the church parlor, with a program of mission study and service.

Rev. Evan David also reports that the members of the public school faculties were guests of the church at their fall fellowship dinner.

KELLOGG . . .

Mrs. Adelaide Gammell reports one of the outstanding events for the Junior Auxiliary of the Federated church this fall was a "Coming of Age Party," which celebrated the 21st year of the organization. The program was a "take off" on election year, honoring past presidents and charter members. Events of the previous years were portrayed, and an impressive rededication service concluded the program.

METALINE FALLS . . .

Rev. Carl Baird reports that the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses have stimulated the beginning of regular weekly prayer meetings in the church. The meetings are held for an hour each Wednesday evening, and are planned informally to attract those who are concerned about the depth of spiritual life both in themselves and in the church fellowship as a whole.

RALSTON . . .

Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Anderson report that the church school of the Ralston church has voted to give 10% of its income to Our Christian World Mission. They have also decided to have teachers meetings once a month.

The first Pilgrim Fellowship in the history of the church was organized this fall, with the group meeting each Sunday evening for a two hour program of music, recreation, and study.

For the third year the church will present a Christmas pageant, assisted by the choir groups at Ralston and Benge.

IONE . . .

The first Church Family Night brought out some fifty people for a good time on the night before Halloween. The evening opened at six o'clock with a pot-luck dinner. The Pilgrim Fellowship had done a clever job of decorating. After an hour of fun singing and games, there was a worship service. It was all over by 8:30, so children could be home early. Rev. Carl Baird reports this as an effort to deepen the fellowship of the church.

PRIEST RIVER . . .

Members and friends of this church are looking forward to Sunday, December 14, for this will be the 50th anniversary of the Priest River church. An elaborate program has been planned for the occasion, with several guests. Rev. William Edwards reports a good response to the monthly family nights and other activities of the church.

EER PARK . . .

The new parsonage at Deer Park is a symbol of accomplishment, for it the result of some ten months of planning and working. Services of dedition were held on Sunday, November 9, with Dr. Archie H. Hook, conference minister, as special guest. More than 200 people gathered for the rvice and to visit the new parsonage. Total cost of the p arsonage is 5,000.00, and only $2500.00 remains to be paid, which will be included next year's budget.

Recognition services for the new minister, Rev. George S. Snyder, were so held on November 9, at an evening service. Rev. Stephen Ayers, Dr. mer Freed, and Dr. Archie H. Hook participated in the service.

KIMA . . .

The Junior High Department of the urch School has been most active s fall under the leadership of s. Bob Rogers and Mrs. Robert nnan. In addition to various social ents the group has sponsored a ents meeting, and they were ponsible for the Coffee Hour for church fellowship on November There are 27 in the department.

WORLEY . . .

Mr. Robert A. Nathan, Jr., of the Kellogg Federated was given recognition and status as Lay Preacher of the Worley Congregational Church at special services on Sunday, November 16, at 3:30 p.m. Churches from the area participated in the service and Dr. Archie H. Hook represented the fellowship of the conference.

SEATTLE, PILGRIM . . .

A $17,000 improvement project has been completed at Pilgrim church. The building improvements included a new roof, complete renovation of heating plants and some additional exterior and interior restorations. These improvements are in order as Pilgrim begins its 53rd year of service to the community on Capitol Hill. Rev. O. W. Jefferson is minister.

PASCO . . .

Dr. Elmer Freeman, Assistant Executive of the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, was guest of the Pasco church from November 6—9. Dr. Freeman directed the training sessions of their Lay Visitation program.

The Visitation program was followed with a church membership class conducted by the minister, Rev. Paul Sutley, and new members were received at a special service on November 23.

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Recognition Services this past month:

Rev. Roland Schlueter of the West Seattle Congregational Church.

Rev. F. William Westwood of the Odessa English Congregational Church.

Rev. George Snyder of the Deer Park Congregational Church.

Getting the Everett Congregational Church painted this summer proved to be a major undertaking, but the results are a bright, white, and pleasant sight.

LAKEVIEW . . .

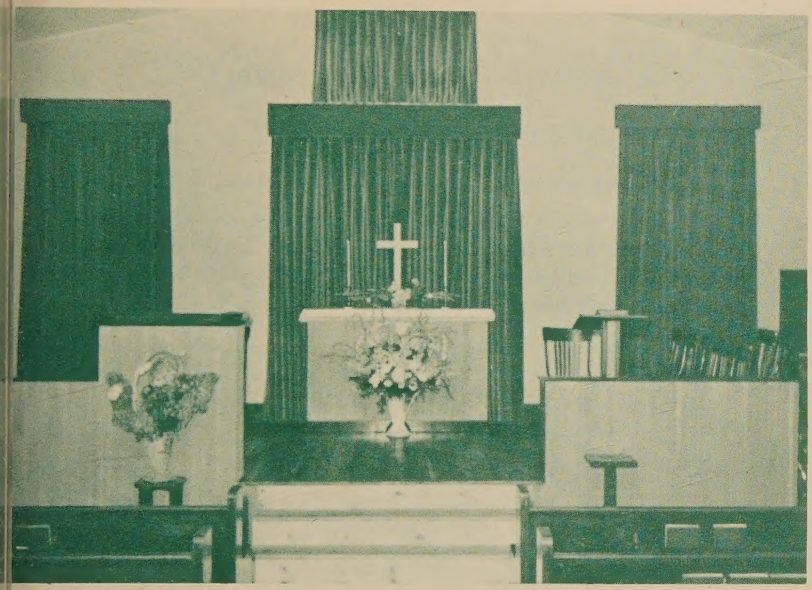
The Lakeview Community church is reorganizing itself for a closer relationship with Congregational program and procedures. A new church school has been organized and the church is preparing itself for full-time ministerial leadership.

Mr. Rex Jordan an active layman of the Keystone Congregational Church is working with the group until February 1.

The Board of Directors of the Conference is on record, by unanimous vote, recommending to all the churches in the Conference the practice of electing their delegates to the Annual Conference Meeting in May and to the Association Meetings in October, at the time of their local church's Annual Meeting. It is further recommended that the Nominating Committee of each church give careful consideration to a plan of rotation in selecting such delegates.

Please be sure that your Nominating Committee gets this information and kindly provide for such an election at your Annual Meeting.

Board of Directors



incoln Heights, Spokane . . .
ne above picture is evidence of the extensive program of remodeling and decorating that is in progress at the Lincoln Heights church. The sanctuy has been completely changed—the direction of the sanctuary has been hanged, the floor has been leveled; new altar and altar furniture provided well as the dossals. A furnace has been installed downstairs, renovating e heating plant of the church, and plans are underway for a new entrance the church. Rev. Charles Williams is the present minister.

AUDIO VISUAL WORKSHOP

The following persons attending e first Pacific Northwest Audio sual Workshop, sponsored by the uncil of Churches, the week of ctober 27—31, with sessions in ymouth Congregational Church.

Rev. Frederick Amos, Green Lake; s. Sidney B. Chaffee, Kellogg; s. Charles Rennen, Seattle Pilm; Rev. John Gibson, Seattle ymouth; Miss Carolyn Goddard, attle Fauntleroy; Mrs. George lstead, Everett; Mrs. Cecil Hite, Seattle Plymouth; Miss Joyce Julian, Spokane Westminster; Mrs. E. R. Madson, Warden; Mr. Nevin R. Meyn, Walla Walla; Mrs. Bertram Ross, Seattle Magnolia; Mrs. Herlin Slocomb, Seattle Plymouth; Mrs. George F. Warren, Seattle University; Rev. Theron Zimmerman, Seattle Olivet; Mrs. Bertha E. Braden, Spokane Westminster; Mrs. Maggie Milligan, Scribner, Nebraska; and Miss Christine Skelton, Conference Staff.

Declaration of Purpose

Date_____

To the Congregational Christian Church Building Loan Fund:

We believe that it is of overwhelming importance to help in the erection of church buildings to meet the needs of America's unchurched millions and to provide a place where children may receive an education in the basic principles of Christianity.

We are pleased to report that our church at a meeting of the members held the_____day of_____19____ voted to cooperate in the Church Building Loan Fund campaign of the Congregational Christian Churches and accepted a goal of $_____.

It was agreed that the church would seek to reach this goal by:
(Check and complete statement which applies)

1. A special solicitation to be held in the week beginning_____19____, in which we will endeavor to secure a pledge from each member of the church.

2. By seeking a pledge from each member of the church for this purpose at the time of our regular every member canvass to be held the week of_____19____.

3. By including each year in our current expense budget for two years the sum of $_____, which will be paid in quarterly instalments of $_____ beginning_____19____.

Signed_____

_____Church

Street and Number_____City_____State_____

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Make checks payable to "The Congregational Church Building Society." Send "Declaration of Purpose" and checks to Church Building Loan Fund, Congregational Christian Churches, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

The Churches Are Responding

Stanley U. North

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n days spent in the Washington ference in company with Super- ident Archie H. Hook and Dean ard Lauer have given me a feel- of gratifying encouragement as rds the Loan Fund Campaign. I vered a feeling of sincere grat- to The Building Society for the t has extended over the years e churches. There is, too, a understanding that the Loan l Campaign is a concern basic e life of our fellowship today tomorrow. If we should be in- rent to a missionary need that our very midst, surely our very acity to meet the needs of rrow for lack of the essential gth is bound to haunt us.

urches that have been the re- nts of aid in the past, as a r of appreciation would be cted to respond to the campaign enge with promptness and com- ness. Churches that understand ssues involved are responding pective of aid received from Building Society.

e very spiritual life of the n is at stake. The motivation articipation is profoundly deep- an repaying a past favor. The e is one of the future Christian acter of the nation. It can be only by a cooperative Protes- sm and only by individual ches cooperating fully within denomination.

Each issue of Advance will print an honor roll of the churches which have sent in to New York their Declarations of Purpose. The Congregational Way will also print the list, beginning with the January issue. It will be exceedingly helpful to have a large number of the Washington Conference churches listed. If your church has not accepted its quota, steps should be taken promptly to so do and immediately thereupon to forward the Declaration of Purpose, properly signed, to The Building Society.

Surely there could be no finer observation of The Building Society's Centennial.

Strengthening Our Spiritual Lives

Mrs. Archie H. Hook,
Spiritual Life Secretary,
Women's Fellowship

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Are you feeling a bit of hunger—spiritual hunger, that is? Do you have a friend who needs an answer to a question about faith? Did your last devotional book leave you "cold?" Would you like to find one more suited to your own personal needs? The Spiritual Life Committee of the Women's Fellowship tried to anticipate the answers to these and related questions in their Retreat at the Conference Home, the evening of October 31 and all day on November 1.

Following a very brief business session the first evening, the group read responsively and in unison, selected portions from Thomas A. Kelly's "A Testament of Devotion." This little book combines the mystical and the practical in a superb way. It seems to touch on all needs.

During the second day Mrs. Irma Leach reviewed "The Lord's Prayer" by E. F. Scott; Mrs. Sidney Chaffee reviewed "The Secret of Life" by Roy Burkhart; and Mrs. W. H. Harris presented "How to be a Transformed Person" by E. Stanley Jones. Each one gave personal instances of the great help these particular books had been to her, as did Mrs. Eddie Madson as she gave most helpful passages from the sermons and prayers of Peter Marshall as found in the book, "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master."

The final evening was devoted t the presentation of "Doors Int Life" by Douglas V. Steere. Thi little book contains the cream o five devotional classics which hav come down to us through the cen turies, from differing faiths an backgrounds. The book include "The Imitation of Christ," "Th Introduction to the Devout Life, "The Journal of John Woolman, "Purity of Heart," and "The Sele ted Letters of Friedrich von Hugel.

It was a great help to the com mittee to have Miss Christine Ske ton as a member of the group. Sh not only introduced us to two fin devotional books, "Teach Us t Pray" by Charles F. Whiston, an "Deep is the Hunger" by Howar Thurman, but also was able to giv valuable information in the field o children's books and books fo family worship.

Sometime this month a letter wi go from this committee, listin books which were discussed an recommended, plus the cost of eac We hope you may use some of th suggestions for your Christmas lis In the meantime write and questio us, or tell us about a book that ha helped you in your Christian livin

IDEN . . .

ie Warden Community church held its first canvass this fall, under the ction of Mr. LeRoy Eide of the Conference Staff. The canvass yielded lash and pledges $4,013 for the current expense and $2,125 for the ch building fund campaign. The annual mission festival Sunday was rved in connection with the canvass program, and this offering was .15. Rev. Eddie R. Madson is minister.

KLAND . . .

ie 1953 Every Member Canvass of the Kirkland Congregational Church ires an "Investment Sunday and Men's Day in the Church." Their et of $12,000 was raised in pledges and cash at the close of the first of the canvass. Rev. Ivan R. Smith is minister.

Adults and Our Local Churches

During the month of October the national Division of Christian Educatio was asked to conduct a survey of adult work in our local churches. Blank were mailed to each of the churches in the conference, and Mrs. Ros George compiled the summary report. The report was divided into five maj parts. We publish the responses to some of the more vital questions.

Total number of churches—124
No. of churches reporting—52; city churches 20, country churches, 3

I. CLASSES AS PART OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

	Parents	Young Adults	Men & Women	Women
No. of classes	4	6	31	2
Enrollment	475	98	669	11

Total enrollment compared to total adults in parish is less than 25%.

II. CLASSES AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT A PART OF CHURCH SCHOOL

	Special Groups	Young Adults	Couples Clubs	Parents	Laymen	Women's Fellowshi
No. of groups	17	9	19	1	16	60
Enrollment	303	231	828	20	922	2533
Attendance	230	141	656	15	534	1352
Fellowship as chief purpose of group	1	10	24		13	28
Study Methods:						
Speakers	5	4	11		14	28
Book reviews		3	4		2	25
Discussion	6	11	7		11	21

III. HOME DEPARTMENT

Do you have a Home Department? Yes, 11; No, 41.

IV. FAMILY CONTACTS

Do you use Pilgrim Series Family Books? Yes, 23; No, 29.

Ways in which parents share in church school activities: study children' materials, 6; act as sponsors of classes, 9; visit classes, 12; atten family services at church school, 20; and at church, 25; attend all-churc family gatherings, 22; family nights, 26.

V. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

No. churches having training classes for teachers, 19; for parents 2.

How often:—monthly, 9; quarterly, 2; twice a year, 1; 6 weeks series, 1 annually, 5; occasionally, 1.

Have teacher's meetings? Yes, 41. How often? monthly, 30; bi-monthly 2; quarterly, 5; twice a year, 1; irregularly, 3. Mainly an educationa program, 23; chiefly business, 18.

ERAL CONCLUSIONS

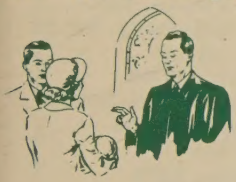
Young adults are the forgotten people in our churches.

Organized groups depend too much on speakers and entertainment for their programs.

Majority of our churches are doing little or nothing for older people in our churches—shut-ins and aged.

Attempts are being made to contact parents, with family nights as the most popular approach.

More time needs to be spent in training leaders for responsibilities placed upon them—especially church school teachers.



S TO IMPROVING THE SITUATION

PLANNING FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE CHURCH; 32 page booklet giving guidance in this field; available from conference office.

INFORMAL ADULT EDUCATION by Knowles; gives guidance and ideas for developing this program; available from Conference Library.

OLDER PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH by Chave; direction and helpful suggestions; available from Conference Library.

THE CHURCH IN THE HOME; magazine issued quarterly for aged and shut-ins; order from The Pilgrim Press; 30¢ a copy.

LEARN A LOT AND LIKE IT; sound filmstrip on teaching methods with young adults and adults; available from Audio Visual Center, 1205 N. 45th; Seattle.

LEAV KIT—Leadership Education Audio Visual Kit; 10 filmstrips on helps to more effective leadership in church school; available from Audio Visual Center.

THE PROGRAM MANUAL; quarterly magazine giving monthly outlines for teacher's meetings; 30¢ a copy from The Pilgrim Press.

FAMILY LIFE KIT; samples of books and materials helpful in this field; loan copies available from Family Life Department, 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.

Work Day For Christ

The third annual national Work Day for Christ was observed on Saturday, October 25. On that day young people all over the country worked and gave the money they earned to Our Christian World Mission. Many groups in our Conference joined in this observance and reports are coming in on their experiences.

What did they do? Well some young people have regular jobs and they gave that days wages, but the vast majority offered their services to the community. Young people in **PASCO** washed windows, baby sat, washed a bunch of cars, weeded and raked lawns, hauled rocks to be used in a driveway, worked at the local hospital, painted, etc. **FAUNTLEROY** was busy raking leaves, cleaning house, and running errands. Their group came to the church for a worship service before each person went to his job. **RICHMOND BEACH** reports the day as a huge success. They started with breakfast at the parsonage and then went out to work. When it was time to quit for the day some of them ask "May we stay and wash more car They also painted fences, dug dens, picked grapes, etc., but project deepened their Christ experience. **VANCOUVER** rep an active day, performing over different tasks—the most tal about was the burying of a d duck. They have been asked visit the local deaf school and why they individually took part the Work Day. An interpreter relay their talks to the students sign language.

Not all reports are in, but so the following have sent in t earnings:

Seattle Pilgrim, $25
Seattle University, $93.15
Cusick, $27.25
Prospect, $17.50
Richmond Beach, $60.50
Washougal, $61.50
Pasco, $53
Vancouver, $135
Fauntleroy, $100
Dayton, $2.50
Yakima, $22

University C.B.'s made themselves available to the community for j for the Work Day for Christ observance.

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